



U.S. Department of Transportation
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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Statistical Summaries

Background

On February 17, 2009, Congress passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 at the urging of President Obama, who signed it into law four days later. A direct response to the economic crisis, the Recovery Act has three immediate goals:

- Create new jobs and save existing ones.
- Spur economic activity and invest in long-term growth.
- Foster unprecedented levels of accountability and transparency in government spending.

Funding through ARRA was available for public transportation projects eligible under Chapter 53 of Title 49, United States Code, including investments in projects participating in the New Starts or Small Starts programs that would expedite the completion of those projects and their entry into revenue service.

Objectives

The ARRA Statistical Summaries report provides information about FTA's financial investment programs funded through ARRA. This report covers the Urbanized Area Formula Program and the Non-Urbanized Area Formula and Capital Program. The Capital Program is further broken into two components: Fixed Guideway Modernization and New Starts. Also included are the Transit Investments for Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction (TIGGER) program and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Surface Transportation Program (STP), a portion of whose funds were transferred to FTA.

Findings and Conclusions

The data used in this report are compiled from the ARRA grants that were awarded to transit authorities, states, local governments, and other eligible recipients. Data are reported on the distribution and use of the following programs administered by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA):

Formula Programs	Amount (\$)
Transit Capital Assistance – Urbanized Area Formula Program	5,440,000,000
Transit Capital Assistance – Non-Urbanized Area Formula Program	663,000,000
Transit Capital Assistance – Growing States and High Density States Formula	680,000,000
Fixed Guideway Infrastructure Investment	750,000,000
Discretionary Programs	
Capital Investment Grants	750,000,000
Transit Capital Assistance – Public Transportation on Indian Reservations	17,000,000
Energy Consumption and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Program	100,000,000
<i>Total</i>	<i>8,400,000,000</i>

Information is provided on ARRA obligations by category, state, and expenditures, with further information for bus, rail, non-rail, infrastructure, transit enhancement, preventive maintenance, and operating assistance.

Benefits

ARRA apportionments for FTA financial investment programs are distributed among various population and programmatic categories and must be used for certain purposes to meet all legal and administrative requirements for program eligibility. The statistical summaries contained in this report promote accountability and foster transparency by providing accurate, user-friendly information on FTA programs funded through the Recovery Act.

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